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From the Californian, March 15, 1848:
The Liberty of the Press consists in the right to publish the Truth, with good motives and for justifiable ends. —Alexander Hamilton.

Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

Russia announces the capture of 21 more forts on the Mannerheim line. We cannot take these claims very seriously in view of the fact that by the time all the forts have been captured, it seems likely that there won't be any live Russian males. So far as the word "forts" is concerned we suspect, the commisars are referring to pill boxes. Since Friday was the anniversary of the Red Army's establishment, it was up to the Russian generals, if such a mongrel assortment may be so dignified, to capture something. In the meantime, according to Associated Press dispatches, it is comforting to know that the Russians have six more miles of extremely tough going to reach the city of Viipuri, one of the end anchors of the Mannerheim line.

The reason we take every statement from Russia with 100 pounds of salt, is that the world's recognized news agencies are permitted no representatives on the Russian front. Over a lifetime of experience in the news business we have never known either the Associated Press or the United Press to distort the news or report anything that was not true. Reports, of course, sometimes carry rumors, usually with a strong probability that they will eventually prove to be facts, but in every case such reports are clearly labeled as rumor. War correspondents for both agencies are reporting directly from all battle fronts on the Finnish side. Russian reports are branded false on their face and for the most part reflect the puerile thinking of a degraded autocracy.

The fact that the Finns have called up for military service men 42 to 46 years of age, however, clearly indicates that they have not withstood the Russian soldier mob without severe losses. These men of advanced years undoubtedly will be given the easier posts and perhaps release younger men for the fighting front. Russians are now reliably reported to have enrolled their females in the fighting forces. At least a Finnish dispatch indicates that a force of 1,000 male and female soldiers barricaded behind tanks in much the same manner as our pioneer wagon trains used to withstand the assaults of Indians, were slaughtered by the Finns after they had refused to surrender. One wonders if the fighting women are enrolled in the companies of male troops in order to brace their morale. We can think of no other reason, since Russia has the largest standing army, reportedly some four millions, on earth. In any event it seems evident that the camp followers, notorious in other times and in other wars, are being thriftily utilized in the front ranks by the Russian commissars.

Here the disturbing thought obtrudes, when the Finns have exhausted their man power, will they draft able bodied girls and women to help repel the brutish Russian horde? We suspect that, unless the Allied belligerents or neutrals provide troops and munitions very soon, women and girls of Finland will be found in the trenches behind machine guns. For the Finns told the world they prefer death to Russian slavery, and we believe they mean it. They promised a last ditch fight, and in that last ditch both patriotic men and women may find their tomb.

At the moment there are signs that both French and British having witnessed the successive routs of the Russians, in which ten times the man power was pitted against the doughty Finns, are now ready to engage the Russians on their own account. News dispatches, not yet confirmed, indicate that the British have spared part of their fleet to undertake the recapture of Petsamo, Finnish port on the Arctic ocean. If this is attempted it means war with Russia. In this event Germany would have to do the thing that Herr Hitler has most dreaded: fight on two fronts. All the world would then discover what many military observers have already remarked, that Russia is the Achilles heel of the Russo-German partnership. If in addition to this attack, the Allies also begin advance on the Black Sea region, with their combined forces of a one million men, anything may happen. Recalling the last World war, the most likely thing to expect would be another Russian revolution. One thing the Finns have done, win or lose. They have deflated the huge Russian military bogey. Whether in the ranks or the high command, they have not got what it takes.

Three Postmen Will Be On Duty March 1

Three postmen will be on the job Friday morning, March 1, making door to door mail deliveries for the first time in Nevada City's history. This announcement was made this afternoon by the postmaster, Mrs. Betty Martin West.

The three who have been chosen for positions of postmen are DeCourcy T. Eckles, Byron Lake, and Cameron Larsen. Substitute clerk at the postoffice will be William J. Wasley.

There will be two deliveries a day, morning and afternoon, the hours on leaving the postoffice to be announced later.

Eight boxes for posting mail are being erected in Nevada City through cooperation of the city council. There will be six mail boxes set up in the residence districts and two in the business district.

Postmaster Mrs. West states that any resident of the city who desires their mail delivered to them must file at the postoffice a card giving the residence number and, if they have been using a box at the postoffice, giving the change of address desired. This card must be signed by the head of each family and must be filed before delivery service begins.

Rates on drop letters to be delivered in Nevada City, on and after March 1, will be advanced from one cent to two cents. No other changes will be made in first class postal rates.

YOUTHFUL AUTO THIEVES TAKEN TO SACRAMENTO

Four teen-age Sacramento youths, who were subject to an intensive man-hunt Saturday morning by the sheriff's office and the California highway patrol after their stolen car was wrecked on the road to the Brunswick mine, were remanded to Officer Harry T. Hendricks of the California Highway Patrol auto theft bureau. Hendricks returned with the prisoners to Sacramento, where the car—a 1938 LaSalle—was stolen.

The quartet, Lauren Mendenhall, Marshall and Ivor Tippets, brothers, and Jim Patterson were apprehended Saturday after a lively chase in which the highway patrol, the sheriff's office and a scouting plane from the Loma Rica airport participated. The car was owned by Joe Spittler, Sacramento, and was reported stolen Friday night.

Two of the youths were captured almost immediately after the car was reported to be wrecked by the miners at the Brunswick. Captain J. E. Blake of the highway patrol captured Mendenhall and Marshall Tippets after a chase through the woods in which he was forced to draw his gun. The pair had been carrying a rifle, which was recovered today near the scene of the accident.

The other two, Patterson and Ivor Tippets, eluded the officers and thumbed a ride to Roseville, where they were arrested by the city police. Patterson and Ivor Tippets were held last night in the Grass Valley jail, while Mendenhall and Marshall Tippets were detained at the county jail until they were released into the custody of Hendricks.

GASOLINE SALES GAIN IN JANUARY

Sales of gasoline throughout California continued to gain during January it was reported today by the State Board of Equalization.

On the basis of returns made for the purpose of tax assessments, sales during January amounted to 140,735,237 gallons of gasoline on which a tax of $4,222,057.11 was levied. This represented a gain of 6.17 per cent over the $3,967.767.03 collected in gasoline taxes for sales made for the same month of the previous year.

While the comparative January sales indicated a substantial increase, the gasoline consumption for last month was slightly under that of December, 1939, when 151,708,203 gallons were sold, to bring in a tax of $4,551,246.09. The December sales closed the calendar year during which more than one billion gallons of gasoline were sold to set an all time record for the state.

TAX EXPERTS TO ASSIST RESIDENTS IN FILING RETURNS

State and federal income tax experts will arrive in Nevada City on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 27 and 28 to confer with local taxpayers, it was announced recently.

The state income tax examiner, Charles Dapper, will be stationed at the city hall between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing state income tax returns.

For the convenience of those who are required to file federal income tax returns, a deputy collector of internal revenue will also be located at the city hall at the same time. Persons are required to file a return if their net income is $1,000 or over or if their gross income is $5,000 or more and are single (or married and not living with husband or wife), or if married and living with husband or wife and their net income is $2,500 or over or if gross income is $5,000 or over.

TWO CANDIDATES FOR CITY BOARD

While the dead-line for filing nomination papers for candidacy for the city council is March 9, thus far only two candidates have announced themselves. The two are R. L. Bigelow and James Penrose. Penrose is an incumbent whose term is about to expire and Bigelow for the past two years has served as city water collector. Prior to that he was for many years supervisor of Tahoe national forest. The election will take place April 9. Three city councilmen are to be elected.

ELKS TO HONOR DE WITT NELSON

Members of the Elks Home Association will be in charge of the fortnightly dinner of the Elks on Thursday evening, February 29, honoring DeWitt Nelson who will leave for San Bernardino.

Roast beef, fresh asparagus and apple pie with ice cream will be served and the lodge hopes for a good turnout in honor of Nelson, who has made himself popular while here.

ENGLEBRIGHT TO BE CANDIDATE FOR REELECTION

Representative Harry L. Englebright stated in a letter from Washington to the Nugget that he would be a candidate for reelection from Second Congressional District of California in the forthcoming primary and general elections.

Congressman Englebright says:

"After the adjournment of the present session of Congress, I will visit all sections of the Congressional District, in order to familiarize myself with the individual problems of the various localities.

"It will be my purpose to continue my fight in Congress for the great mining, agricultural, lumber, stock, and all other interests of the district."

Englebright is a member of the mines and mining, public lands and flood control committees of the House of Representatives. His long fight in Congress led to the construction of the huge debris dams in this vicinity which will revive the hydraulic mining industry in California.

WOMEN'S BOARD OF FAIR ASKED TO SERVE AGAIN

Miss Bernice Glasson, Nevada County chairman of the Women's Board of the Golden Gate International Exposition for 1939 has received a communication from the state chairman of the Women's Board Mrs. Alfred McLaughlin, announcing her re-appointment to the position for 1940.

Miss Glasson is asking for the subchairmen and committee members in Nevada County who worked with her during the last year to serve again throughout the exposition activities planned for the current year.

The committee members, as announced by Miss Glasson last year, are as follows:

Executive Committee—Mrs. Raglan Tuttle, Mrs. C. E. Parsons, Mrs. H. A. Curnow, Mrs. H. Ward Sheldon, Mrs. Betty M. West, Mrs H. Dickerman, Mrs. Paul Kemper, Mrs. Earl Raymond, Mrs. Frank Clark, Mrs. R. W. Parsons, Mrs. Elmer Stevens, Mrs. John Hammill, Mrs. C. R. Clinch, Mrs. Harry B. Cox, Mrs. E. J. Lister, Mrs. George Ellsworth, Mrs. Wm. Esterly, Mrs. Harold George, Mrs. Wm. Geach, Mrs. C. H. Weks, Mrs. J. Bick, Mrs. B. Tonini.

Miss Bernice C. Glasson, chairman.

Hospitality Committee

Mrs. Fred Nobs, Mrs. A. B. Foote, Mrs. Errol MacBoyle, Mrs. Wallace Butler, Mrs. John Mann, Mrs. J. G.

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New Ski Trail Opened Near Donner Summit

Skiers frequenting the Donner Summit area on the Tahoe national forest will be interested to know that another high Sierra trail has been opened to use, according to Forest Ranger John R. Hodgson at Cisco, under whose supervision the trail was constructed. This is a link in the proposed Sierra Crest Ski Trail which will eventually run along the crest of the Sierra Nevada range. The present link begins at Donner Summit maintenance station and runs as far south as the summit of Mt. Lincoln, a distance of 2 1-2 miles. A large orange and black sign marks the ski trail entrance, with triangular markers of the same color having been posted every 200 feet. At 1-4 mile from highway 40, the new ski trail passes along the east shore of Lake Mary and a rope ski-up. At 1 1-2 miles from the highway, Emigrant Valley is reached, offering some of the finest skiing slopes in the Sierra. These slopes are claimed by some to excel those found in the Sugar Bowl since the elevation is higher. Snow depth under Mt. Lincoln at Emigrant Valley was 8 1-2 feet when there was only 12 inches on the ground at 600 feet elevation.

In opening the new ski trail, DeWitt Nelson, supervisor of the forest, cautions all skiers to travel this trail in groups and with at least one person in the party equipped and trained in first aid. All skiers are advised not to ge beyond the Mt. Lincoln ridge and to stick closely to the marked 40 trail. Signs end at Mt. Lincoln and the country beyond is only for expert skiers fully equipped for cross country skiing.

While the new crest trails opens up a wonderful snow playfield in Emigrant Valley, its chief purpose is to afford a safe route of travel back to Highway 40. Any skier foolishly caught out late or in a blizzard can follow the wide, well marked route back to the Donner Summit maintenance station with safety. Beginners are advised not to attempt this trail but those of intermediate skill can make the trip in to Emigrant Valley without too much difficulty. The trip back to Highway 40 is nearly all down hill and the trail has been so routed as to offer an interesting run without too steep descents. The forest ranger having charge of construction of the new Sierra Crest ski trail states that this improvement cost about $1,800 and it is in his estimation the finest trail in the Donner Trail area system of some 34 miles. WPA labor was used in clearing this trail and employees of the Tahoe national forest have just completed the unit this week.

Youths Suspected Of Camptonville Murder Jailed; One Confesses

Following a tip received by Sheriff Carl Tobiassen Friday, Malcolm Finley, 17 years old, and Franklin Stokes, 20, have been arrested on charge of murdering Bertrand W. Stuart, 47 year old, miner and World War veteran, early Thursday morning, at his mine near Camptonville. Both are now in the Yuba county jail.

The tip given the sheriff came from George Stokes, a relative of Franklyn Stokes, who, hearing of the murder Friday morning went to Sheriff Tobiassen and reported that on his way to work Thursday morning he saw Franklyn Stokes and Finley riding a motorcycle and thought they were behaving suspiciously. Though it had not been proved, officers for sometime have suspected that Finley was responsible for the robbery of Stuart's $1,000 coin collection over a year ago.

Stokes Confesses

Sheriff Tobiassen at once sent for Franklin Stokes for questioning. As a result of long grilling Stokes finally confessed Saturday night that not he, but Finley had murdered Stuart, early Thursday morning. Stokes stated that the two waited all night outside Stuart's cabin near the old P. G. & E. sawmill in the vicinity of Camptonville. At dawn, Stokes said, Finley entered the cabin and demanded whatever money or valuables Stuart had. But Stuart put up a fight. Finley, according to Stokes, then hit him over the head with an axe. Stuart stunned, it is alleged, was then dragged from the cabin. It is inferred that he recovered consciousness . and he was then shot through the head with 32 caliber revolver and his body dumped into a prospect pit 16 feet deep, about 50 feet from the cabin.

Arrest Finley

Following this confession, Sheriff Tobiassen and Sheriff Charles McCoy of Yuba county, Fred Williford, and Carl Larsen, deputy sheriffs, and Under Sheriff Phil Wilcoxson of Yuba county, last night arrested Finley at his cabin on the Black ranch near Spenceville. Despite reports that Finley was a dangerous man, he gave the officers no trouble. He denied he had any part in the murder. Both men were lodged in jail of Yuba county and will be tried in that county, since the murder took place there.

Sheriff Tobiassen, Game Warden Hiscox, Deputy John Muscardini today made a thorough examination of Finley's cabin on the Back ranch. Blood stains, it is reported, were found on Stokes' boots.

Discovery of Stuart's body was made Thursday afternoon when Eugene Burton a friend from Marysville accompanied by Bob and Eva Seer, called at Stuart's cabin Thursday afternoon. Receiving no response to their knocking, Burton entered and found the cabin in wild disorder. He traced the blood stains, found on the floor to the prospect pit and looking down saw his friend's head, blackened and bloody, sticking out above dirt and debris. Peace officers were at once notified.

Had Been Gagged

When Stuart's body was removed that evening by Sheriff Tobiassen and deputies from the pit, it was found that he had been gagged. His hands were tied behind his back.

George Stokes and a partner named Reed, have mining claims adjacent to that of Stuart.

NEW RAINSTORM BRINGS SEASON'S TOTAL TO 32.40

The rain gauge at the home of Mrs. Jennie Preston gives rainfall as about 32.40 inches at seven o'clock this morning and it continues to pour. Indications are continued storm for this district.

From the state division of highways it was learned that snow on the Nevada City-Downieville route is spotted, the snow line being at Sierra City. There are six inches of snow at Bassetts and it is believed snow is falling on the Yuba Pass.

Along the Tahoe-Ukiah highway the snow line begins at Lone Grave with six inches of snow at the Washington Junction and 12 inches at Steep Hollow. Snow lies in patches in Bear Valley. Torrents of rain have been coming down in most of the district and miners are continuing to come and go to the Zeibright mine in Bear Valley. Reports give a heavy fog blanket on Donner Summit.

Information is that two heavy storms are in the ocean swinging in and down the Washington coast and it is expected this will bring continued storm to this district for a few days.

CHAMBER DINNER MEETING DATE IS SET FOR MARCH 5

The annual election and dinner meeting of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday, March 5, instead of Wednesday, March 6 at the National Hotel, it was announced recently.

Secretary H. F. Sofge, of the chamber states that many have already made reservations for the event. President Emmett Gallagher will preside. The nominating committee, headed by chairman George W. Gidersleeve will present its report.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR LATE DANIEL COUGHLAN TODAY

Last rites for the late Daniel J. Coughlan, 62, well known mining man of Sierra City, were held this morning at 10 o'clock at the St. Canice Catholic church with interment at the Catholic cemetery in Nevada City. Rev. Horgan officiated.

He died at the pay ward of the Nevada County hosital after a short illness. He was brought to the hospital Tuesday from Sierra City by the Holmes ambulance service of this city.

Born in 1878 at Moore's Flat, he attended the Moore's Flat school, and later engaged in the mining industry—an occupation he followed throughout his life. He was widely and favorably known throughout the mountain country.

The deceased is survived only by his brother, William Coughlan of Oakland, and his cousins in Nevada City, Columbia Hill and Oakland.

Pall bearers at the Coughlan funeral were Arthur Hammond, Merrill Ricker, Dennis Coughlan, J. Coughlan, James Coughlan, Will Coughlan.

DOWNIEVILLE MAN TO OPEN MINE AT GOODYEARS CREEK

Jim Davis operator of the Mayme Gold Mine at Goodyears Bar reported this week in Downieville that he plans to start operations at his mine on Goodyears Creek by March first. He says he has a regular crew of three men employed besides himself.

Davis reported that he is using a highline operation and expects to run about 100,000 yards this season. Much of the yardage to be moved is large boulders. He says that he can move anything up to 25 yards and that any boulders over that size have to be blasted.

He said that they just prospected at the mine last year and hope to show a good profit this season.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND CHORUS WILL GIVE BENEFIT PROGRAM

The Nevada City high school band and choruses will present a program of music, dramatic skits and dance at the high school auditorium gymnasium on Friday evening, Mar. first.

The program, consisting of a short concert by the band, dramatic skits by the members of the senior class and selections by the chorus will begin at 8 o'clock. Following the entertainment a dance will be held on the floor of the gymnasium.

The proceeds of the program will be used to purchase instruments for the high school band. The public is invited.

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Champions Without Cheers

Two internationally famed athletes stepped from a Finnish steamer last week to begin training in New York for a national exhibition tour. They are Paavo Nurmi, who is 1925 gave American track sport its most powerful impetus by breaking every running record from 800 yards to two miles and up, and Taisto Maki, successor to the aging Nurmi as the champion distance runner of the world. They will perform to raise money for relief among Finland's civilian population. Behind their coming—their decision to exchange soldiers' boots for track shoes, is a poignant story of patriotism and sportsmanship.

Until they were persuaded that they could give greater service to Finland by coming to America for the public tour, they flatly refused to consider the idea. They wanted no acclaim—no athletic triumphs. They spoke of their friend, Birger Vasenius, champion speed skater, who—as they—had looked forward eagerly to the planned 1940 Olympic games in Finland, to showering honor upon Finnish prowess. No cheering friends, but only grim fellow soldiers, dim in the half light of arctic day, witnessed Birger Vasenius' last race. A handful of Finnish soldiers were trapped on an island by superior Russian forces. The commander called for skaters to attack the Russians across the ice. To lead them voluteered Vasenius. Skilfully, swift as a bird. the world's finest skater zigzagged at the head of the attack. too artfully for anything to catch—but the bullet that killed him. That, as Nurmi and Maki maintained, is the role for Finnish athletes to play today.

They finally consented to make the trip—but as champions serving Finland and seeking no cheers. Such champions need no cheers. Birger Vasenius didn't need them for the most courageous race of his life. Paavo Nurmi and Taisto Maki won't need them. Yet they will receive thunderous American cheers—not as champions, but as gallant soldiers of a gallant nation. America, too, once had her Valley Forge!

The Supreme Court Speaks

For seven years, four ignorant tenant-farmer Negroes in Florida have lived in the shadow of death. In 1933, they were sentenced to death, for murder of a white man. They were arrested without legal warrants, denied access to friends or legal advice and grilled four straight days until they signed confessions, before charges were filed. They were convicted on the confessions. The defense appealed on contention that the confessions were extorted forcibly and while the defendants were denied due process of law. Three times the Supreme Court of Florida upheld the convictions.

Last week, in a hushed chamber, Justice Hugo L. Black, read a unanimous decision of the United States Supreme Court:

"Under our constitutional system courts stand against any winds that blow, as havens of refuge for those who might otherwise suffer because they are helpless, weak, outnumbered—or because of prejudice and public excitement. Due process of law, preserved for all by our Constitution, commands that no such practice as that disclosed by this record shall send any accused to his death. No higher duty, no more solemn responsibility, rests upon this Court than that of translating into living law and in maintaining this constitutional shield deliberately planned and inscribed for the benefit of every human being subject to our Constitution—of whatever race, creed or persuasion." He paused, and then pronounced twelve words more powerful than all the police, the courts, the prisons, the hangmen that could menace four tremgling black men: "The Supreme Court of Florida was in error, and its judgment is reversed."

Last week was National Defense week. Ceremonial observances were held throughout the land—but none could be more majestic, more significant than that single pronouncement. Military and naval safeguards against foreign aggression are imperative; but equally important in maintaining America as the "home of the free" are the Constitution and the Supreme Court which enforces its provisions in protection of the rights of every citizen, whether he be rich or poor, prominent or obscure, white or black.

Coroner Orders Autopsy Into Death of Williams

Coroner A. M. Holmes had ordered an autopsy into the death of R. H. Williams, 65, woodcutter of the Peardale district, who died in his sleep Friday or Saturday. He was a native of Missouri. Funeral arrangements have not been made and the remains are at the Holmes Funeral Home in Grass Valley.

John Quick, England Native, Dies in County Hospital

John Quick, aged 86 years and a native of England, died at the county hospital early this forenoon. He had been an inmate of the county hospital since 1931. The remains were moved to the Holmes Funeral Home in Grass Valley and interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO PROSPERITY?
1. Increased industrial production
2. Let business alone
THE PUBLIC
IN A RECENT SURVEY, 91% OF THE PUBLIC LISTED INCREASED INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AS MOST IMPORTANT TO PROSPERITY, AND ANOTHER 22.3% LISTED LETTING BUSINESS ALONE.
THE LONG-TAILED CHICKENS OF JAPAN SOMETIMES HAVE TAILS MEASURING 30 FEET IN LENGTH!
MEN WERE ALLOWED TO SMOKE IN CHURCH IN 17TH CENTURY ENGLAND.
INTEREST
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AFTER 10 YEARS OF RECORD FEDERAL SPENDING 18% OF ALL GOVERNMENT REVENUES MUST GO TO PAY INTEREST ON THE NATIONAL DEBT.

POLITICAL PARADE

BY CLEM WHITAKER

Hidden microphones and whispering wires; mysterious blondes and designing red-heads; candid cameras, night prowling spies—and stolen secrets of state!

California politics was never like this—never before, except in the pages of fiction.

But it has happened here!

And California officialdom, during the next few weeks, will probably be rocked by political explosions that will sound like the bombing of Helsinki.

There are many veterans in the State Capitol who are willing to venture even money that Governor Olson will be recalled, if not impeached, as a result of the disclosure that a Gestapo, or OGPU, has been allowed to gain foothold in the State. Other observers, while inclining to the view that the governor may survive the storm—if the espionage system is not laid directly at his door—assert that the startling revelations will result in a shake-up of SRA and other state departments which will make Page 1 headlines.

Most important development of all, from the standpoint of the state at large, it is predicted, will be a determined campaign by the majority membership in the Legislature to clean out Communists, leftists and radical agitators whom the legislators accuse of attempting to sabotage state government.

Since Speaker Gordon Garland of the Assembly first touched off the fireworks last week by revealing that he had discovered a recording device in the hotel rooms which he occupied with Mrs. Garland, the Assembly investigating committee, which was appointed to root out the spy system, is said to have unearthed evidence indicating the existence of a widespread espionage plot.

Many lawmakers in the bi-partisan economy bloc, who opposed Governor Olson's relief and tax policies, are said to have been spied upon. And the evidence indicates that the spy system was financed either from Governor Olson's secret service fund, or from SRA relief funds, intended for care of the unemployed.

In addition to the "wiring" of hotel rooms occupied by legislators and their families, the California OGPU is known to have made use of candid cameras, snapping pictures of legislators which were apparently to be used for purposes of coercion or intimidation.

Women operatives—both blondes and red heads—also were employed, apparently to pry out strategy plans of the economy bloc, or in an attempt to compromise legislators.

And in one instance, an artist-sleuth, caught sketching lawmakers in a leading hotel bar, was given the air by the hotel management.

What the final outcome of the legislative investigation will be is still problematical, but one thing is certain: The sun has set on California's OGPU!

President Roosevelt's political managers are in a dither of indecision, our spy reports, as to what to do in the California presidential primary—due to the bitter fight now raging in Democratic ranks over Olsonism. If Governor Olson heads the Roosevelt ticket, the powerful anti-Olson forces — seething mad over the governor's legislative policies and threatened "purges"—have served notice they may bolt the Roosevelt bandwagon and support Vice President Garner. Or they may launch a second Roosevelt ticket, led by Speaker Gordon Garland of the Assembly, titular head of the anti-Olson clan. And in either event, Mr. Garner might walk off with the California delegation!

California medicos are up in arms over reported plans of the State administration to oust Dr. W. M. Dickie as director of the State Department of Public Health. But Dr. Dickie's successor, according to the grapevine, already has been selected.

Leading Communist "front" organizations in California, according to the report of Assemblyman Sam Yorty's committee on subversive activities, are the Workers Alliance (composed largely of relief recipients) and Labor's Non-Partisan League. Neither organization is openly affiliated with the Communists, the committee reported, but both groups are used to suck in persons who would not knowingly be associated with red activities!

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENLISTING IN ARMY RESERVE IS EASIER

Word received from the War Department announces that the qualifications for enlistment in the Regular Army Reserve have been liberalized to the extent that married men, with other dependents and men who have been out of the service for any number of years are eligible for enlistment, provided they have at least one years service in the Regular Army and are under the age of 36, it was announced today at headquarters Ninth Corps Area, Presidio of San Francisco, California.

Men accepted in the reserve will be enlisted with the same grade held at the time of discharge from the Regular Army, it was further stated.

The Regular Army Reservist, or "Modern Minute Man", enlists for a period of four years and receives a stated enlistment allowance payable every four months and has no duty to perform other than to stand by subject to call to active duty in the event of a national emergency, Major Charles C. Quigley, Corps Area Recruiting Officer stated.

F. J. Joubert of Camptonville was a business visitor in Nevada City today. He has been hydraulicking on his property the Depot Hill gravel mine, since the eighth of January. There is plenty of water, with the present heavy storms for a long run.

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ONE-HOUSE LEGISLATURE CONDEMNED

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

California's vast hinterland—the highly productive back country which has brought California to greatness—may be forced to do battle at the fall elections to avoid being maneuvered into the role of a step-child of the big cities!

If the scheme were successful, metropolitan Los Angeles would have approximately 40 per cent of the votes in the Legislature—and Los Angeles and San Francisco combined could adopt the laws, and lay down the rules, for all California.

It is inconceivable that the people of California would vote for a plan which would disfranchise 56 of the state's counties in all legislative matters, but politics makes strange bedfellows. And rural California should be on its guard!

Governor Olson, as result of the rough treatment accord his big relief program and his new tax proposals at the special session of the Legislature, has made definite announcement of his determination to press for enactment of the One-House Legislature plan, with members chosen solely on a population basis.

The proposed initiative act, he has announced, will provide for:

1 A One-House Legislature composed of " a reasonable number" of members.

2 Annual instead of biennial meetings.

3 High salaries for all legislators, who would be expected to devote their entire time to lawmaking.

Blaming failure of his tax and relief programs on the Legislature—and largely on the economy bloc in the Senate—the Governor charged:

"The whole spectacle proves the claims that California is suffering badly from constant legislative log jams, that the passage of sound laws is more accident than design; that we, therefore, must have a complete reconstruction and reorganization of our legislative machinery."

He then stated his remedy as follows:

"It means that we must put an initiative measure on the ballot next November providing for the reorganization of the Legislature; providing for a One-House Legislature comprised of a reasonable number of members who shall meet every year for the full time required to give full, careful and intelligent consideration to the legislative needs of the people in these days of rapid and unpredictable change."

Undoubtedly there are frequently "log-jams" in the Legislature, as Governor Olson complains, but the jams since Mr. Olson came into office have resulted far more often from clashes between the governor's office and the Legislature than from deadlocks between the Senate and the Assembly.

And after all, even though such jams may be nerve-wracking and irritating, they are often an indication that the "check and balance" system, which is a fundamental of American democracy, is actually working and weeding out much legislation that the people back home have served notice they don't want enacted.

California's State Senate, due to the present law that no county may have more than one senator, is fairly representative of California's back country. The Assembly, on the other hand, is elected on a popuation basis and is fairly representative of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and other big population areas. Neither the cities nor the country are discriminated against under that system. And if a bill passes both houses and receives the governor's signature there is at least a reasonable chance that it is a good bill. If it fails to pass, it is probably because California, as a whole, doesn't want it. Governor Olson and his associates, before they go too far in their plans for a One-House Legislature, might do well to consider that!

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE, DISTRICT LAND OFFICE AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. MINERAL APPLICATION NO. 032406

January 25, 1940

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that T. B. ENGLISH, MARGARET J. COUGHLAN, and THE HEIRS OF MRS. C. J. ENGLISH, deceased, all of North Columbia, Nevada County, California, have made application for patent for a placer mining claim situate in the Columbia Hill Mining District, Nevada County, California, in the Northwest quarter of Section 4 and the Northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 17 North, Range 9 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, described as follows:

ROSE VALLEY PLACER CLAIM, consisting of Lot No. 4, of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, in Township 17 North, of Range 9 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, and Lots 1 and 2 of Section 5, in Township 17 North, of Range 9 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, containing 54.80 acres, more or less.

That the lands adjoining on the North, South, East and West are patented.

That the location notice for the Rose Valley Placer Claim is recorded in Book "25" of Mining Claims, at page 492, Records of Nevada County, California.

ELLIS PURLEE, Register.

Date of first publication: January 29, 1940.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE, M. A. No. 032400, DISTRICT LAND OFFICE, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, January 26, 1940. Notice is hereby given that Jerome C. Coughlan of North Columbia, California, has made application for patent for the Frandy-Black Placer Mining Claim in the Columbia Hill Mining District, Nevada County, California, described as follows: Lots 5, and 6, Sec. 4, T. 17 N., R. 9 E., M. D. M., California. That the lands adjoining on the North, South, East and West are patented. The location notice is recorded in Book "27" of Mining Claims, at page 3, Records of Nevada County, California.

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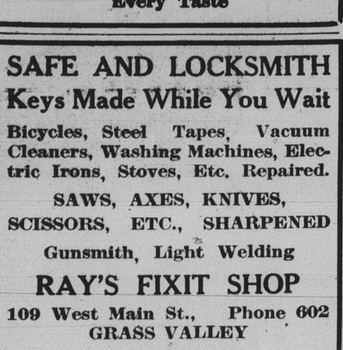

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Census Enumerators To Obtain Housing Survey

"The first and only complete statistical record presenting all the facts about the houses in which 33 million American families live will be compiled by the Census enumerators in April," according to Mr. Robert E. Shields, District Supervisor of the Census for this district.

"For years it has been the contention of many," declared Mr. Shields, "that the expansion of home construction was essential to bring about a return of prosperity. But experts have never been able to obtain a composite picture of existing housing facilities, nor obtain even an approximate demand for additional homes. This kind of information has made private capital timid about entering the field with any long range, systematic development plan. The government and cities have been making efforts to stimulate home building but the lack of factual data has acted as a deterrent to these efforts."

According to District Supervsior Shields, Congress decided that an actual, factual survey would be necessary to obtain an exact measurement of housing needs as a preliminary step to the development of a plan which would invite private capital to meet the need. So when the census enumerator calls on every family in April, he will seek information from each family on the type of structure in which it lives. He will ask how old the building is; what material it is made of; whether it is located in a city or on a farm, and whether or not it is in need of major repairs.

Concerning each dwelling unit he will ask the number of rooms; the water supply; the toilet facilities—bath tub, shower, or running water; lighting equipment; rental value and sale value.

The information sought will also include whether the home is owned or rented; number of persons in the household; refrigeration equipment; whether a radio; what kind of heating equipment; fuel used for heating; fuel used for cooking; and annual expenditures for utilities.

In order to obtain a national picture of the home indebtedness situation, the enumerator will seek information on the mortgages; the payments thereon; real estate taxes; interest on the mortgage; and the class of the mortgage holder, such as building and loan associations, bank, life insurance company, mortgage company, HOLC, individual or other.

The census supervisor contends that every family will benefit directly or indirectly through the compiling of this complete statistical picture of the housing situation. Cities will know for the first time what neighborhoods are lacking in housing capacity and where there is the greatest demand for extension of water mains, electric lighting, sewage, sidewalks, paving and other improvements. Builders and material men should be encouraged to go forward with improvement plans; lending agencies will have a better guide upon which to establish conservative rates, and the possibility of additional employment by reason of new construction should help every community.

PRESIDENT SEEKS RURAL HOSPITALS

Following up an informal suggestion of some days ago, President Roosevelt made his birthday the occasion of sending to Congress a message recommending the appropriation of between $7,500,000 and $10,000,000 for the immediately beginning of a program to build 50 small hospitals in rural districts throughout the country where medical facilities are not now available. The President said the undertaking would "save lives and improve health in those parts of the nation which need this most and can afford it least"

The proposed hospitals would cost from $150,000 to $200,000 each and would have a capacity of about 100 beds. The President suggested that they be simple structures, that inexpensive materials be used and that the facilities of the Public Works Agency should be utilized in their planning and construction. Title would be in the government but operation of the hospital would be a local financial responsibility.

"The areas I had in mind," said the President, "are areas so poor that they cannot raise their share of the cost of building and equipping a hospital. Yet I believe that many of such communities have enough public-spirited citizens with means, and enough citizens able to pay something for hospital treatment, to care for operating costs of a hospital provided they do not have to pay for its construction and equipment, or to pay annual interest and amortization on borrowed money.

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A message has been received that Mrs. Clarence Shurtleff is recovering from a severe illness at the home of her daughter in Oakland. She was in a hospital for a time.

Mrs. Kitty Kimball Awarded Prize For Safe Driving Record

Mrs. Kittie Kimball received a pleasant surprise Tuesday when Cliff Merriam of the Maryland Casualty company delivered a check and certificate for her safe driving record. Recognition for safe driving was for the two years of 1938 and 1939. During this time she had not had an accident and had been careful not to imperil the lives and property of others.

FUNERAL TOMORROW

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This was the unanimous opinion expressed by exposition officials when appraised of the new appropriation.

Under the terms of the measure setting up the new finances, the sum of $100,400 is to be "earmarked" to aid county exhibits, and a further sum of $65,000 is set aside for special events.

"With this new appropriation added to funds remaining from last year's state fund, Treasure Island is now in position to assure the creation of a host of new features," said President Marshall Dill.

"The commendable action of the legislature in making this investment, which will be repaid many fold, will be of immeasurable benefit in many ways. The confidence of the state's lawmakers, as evidenced by their action, will prove a vital factor in securing many new exhibits, features and participants for the 1940 season."

Equally enthusiastic was Federal Commissioner George Creel who stated, in a wire to President Dill:

"Now that California has officially, through its Legislature, shown its faith in the 1940 exposition, the way has been made clear for increased out of state, federal and foreign participation.

"The granting of the appropriation will make possible a vast program of added and important features for Treasure Island which assures a banner season for the exposition.

General Manager William W. Monahan, hailed news of the appropriation with the following statement:

"California has taken the lead with definite financial aid and we can now go ahead with our ambitious plans which we know will create on Treasure Island an entirely new exposition—new in every respect. The legislature is to be commended for its action which definitely assures a bigger and better show for 1940."

The state funds, it was pointed out, are in addition to potential federal funds, and those on hand in the exposition's treasury.

NEW PAUL MUNI FILM STARTS AT NEVADA THEATRE

The new Paul Muni starring picture "We Are Not Alone," adapted from the best selling novel by James Hilton, author of "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," will have its local premiere tomorrow at the Nevada Theatre. Produced by Warner Bros., and directed by Edmund Goulding, whose most recent work was "The Old Maid" earlier in the season, "We Are Not Alone" has received unanimous acclaim from all the critics who previewed it in Hollywood.

Muni's role is a complete departure from the historical biographies he has done in the past several years. In "We Are Not Alone" he plays a modern, fictional character, a small town English doctor, who serves his patients with compassion and skill but is completely unable to remedy the pain in his own life. The film tells the story of his neither happy nor melancholy life in a little cathedral town, and of how the pattern of that life was shattered by his summons to attend a little Austrian dancer in a down at the heel stock company. The story of the linked fates of these two is one of love, jealousy, passion and enduring faith.

Apearing with him in the role of the dancer is Jane Bryan, brilliant young dramatic actress whose performance in "The Old Maid" won her the role opposite Muni. Flora Robson, noted British screen star, is cast as his cold and unsympathetic wife, and young Raymond Severn plays their little son. Others in the notable supporting cast include Una O'Conner, Henry Daniell, Montagu Love, James Stephenson, Ely Malyon and a score of others.

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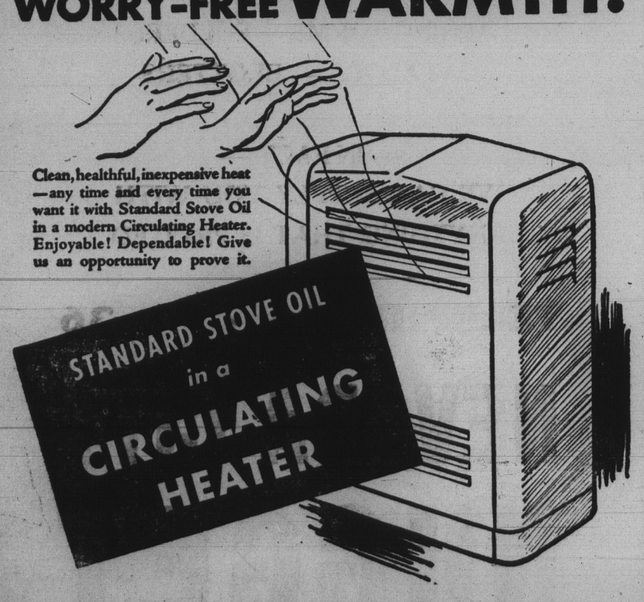

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Becker received a burn on his forehead, scorched left hand and a badly blackened and burned right hand. Some fear is expressed he may lost his right hand. Mrs. Walter Weege of this city went to Marysville over the week end to stay with Mrs. Carl Becker.

Mrs. Thomas Arden and infant son were moved from the Nevada City Sanitarium to their home on East Broad street Sunday.

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CLIFF ROBBINS TO OPEN CIGAR SHOP

Cliff Robbins, former manager of the Bottle Shop in this city, announced recently that he will soon open a cigar and tobacco store in the building formerly occupied by the Court Cafe on Commercial street.

Robbins had previously planned to move into the business location now operated by Forest B. Risley, but has taken a lease on the cafe building instead.

He plans to not only feature cigars and tobaccos but magazines as well. Work started yesterday.

J. D. Rafferty, on the official staff of the Tahoe national forest, and family spent a few days in Sacramento on a short vacation returning home during the week end.

DOG OWNERS, ATTENTION!

All dog owners are requested to register at once their dogs for licenses. Any dog found without such license will be impounded at once. Apply at City Hall.

W. G. ROBSON,
Chief of Police.

A MESSAGE . . . TO THOSE WHO, AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER MAY HAVE SAID—

"RAILROAD FREIGHTING DOESN'T AFFECT ME"

Let's take the case of the man it "doesn't" affect:

His shoes, clothes, hat—even the cigar he smokes—were parts of railroad freight shipments. The gasoline he purchases for his car, that's "railroad freight," too, shipped in via tank cars, in quantities as high as 50,000 gallons at a time. The home he built—lumber, cement, bricks, windows, yes—even the nails—were railroad deliveries.

Yes, railroad freighting DOES affect this person—and every person who is a local purchaser of merchandise. There may be a belief that rail freighting affects only those to whom consignments are directly marked. But, who are they? The business firms. The stores and shops that supply wearing apparel, drugs, electrical things, automobile parts and the score of needs that fit into the pattern of every day life.

These business people are insistent upon rail shipment of merchandise because low rail rates means a lower marketing price for goods—and a direct saving to the consumer. The merchant, too, realizes that no matter how small his freight business he enjoys the same rate as does his next door neighbor. He appreciates the reliability of doing business with a line whose minimized charges, insurance of safe delivery and exactness of schedule are not a matter of occasion but a part of day-in-and-day-out service!

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Nevada County Trucking Co.

Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Stage Lines

Nevada Pacific Trucking Agency

Business Office and Merchandise Traffic Headquarters at Union Terminal Co., between Bank Street and Colfax Avenue, Grass Valley.